Enforcement Agency has been referred to Law Ministry for its opinion;

(b) if so, whether the ministry has given its opinion on the need for Central Law Enforcement Agency;

(c) if so, the details of the opinion; and

(d) whether it clashes with the proposed new commission on Centre-State relations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (d) The proposal to set up a Central Law Enforcement Agency was referred to the Ministry of Law for their opinion. The Ministry of Law had advised to refer the proposal to the proposed new Commission on Centre-State relations. The Ministry of Law has also mentioned that the issue can be raised in the Inter-State Council for eliciting the views of the State Governments.

The Union Cabinet has approved the setting up of a new Commission on Centre-State relations and one of the Commission's Terms of Reference relates to examining the need for setting up a Central Law Enforcement Agency empowered to take up suo moto investigation of crimes having inter-state and/or international ramifications with serious implications on national security.

Package for Rehabilitation of Naxalites in Karnataka

4429. SHRI R.S. GAVAI:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the mounting Naxal activities in Karnataka which resulted in killing of 7 Police personnel in Tumkur district recently;

(b) whether there is any proposal with Government to strengthen the affected States to tackle Naxal menance by adopting Socio-Economic strategies;

(c) when will the Rs. 60 crore pacakage sought by the State Government of Karnataka be approved to rehabilitate the Naxalites in the State; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to bring in a tough anti-terror law like POTA to deal with Naxalites and their leaders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir. CPI (Maoist) attacked the State Reserve Police camp in Tumkur district on February 10/11, 2005 leaving 7 persons including 6 policemen dead.

(b) Keeping in view that the naxal problem is not merely a law and order problem, the Central Government has adopted a multi-pronged counter strategy which takes into account the security as well as developmental aspects of the problem.

On the development side, the Central Government has advised the States to accord a higher priority in their annual plans for the accelerated integrated development of the naxal affected districts. On its part, the Central Government has included 55 districts in 9 States badly affected by naxalism under the Backward Districts Initiative (BDI) component of the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY) under which Rs. 15 crores per district per year are given to fill in critical gaps in the physical and social infrastructure. The scheme is applicable for 3 years w.e.f. 2003-04.

(c) No such proposal has been received in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(d) The CPML-PW and the MCCI with the their front organizations and all their formations which were notified as terrorist organizations under the POTA-2002 continue to be banned as terrorist organizations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2004.

VIPs Security by CISF

4430. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CISF Panthers are going to replace NSG Black cats to protect the most threatened VVIPs;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay to implement this for three years since the recommendations to this effect was made by the Group of Ministers constituted on reforming National Security System;